
Title: The Shrines

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Lord British established the Virtues in the period historians call the Age of Enlightenment. Lord British issued a call for a hero to come forth and claim the title Avatar. The Hero of Legend, responsible for the destruction of the Triad of Evil; Mondain, Minax, and Exodus, faced many challenges to become the Avatar.

The eight Virtues are as following:
1. Compassion is total empathy for all living beings, and is derived from Love. The Shrine of Compassion is located nearby Britain.

2. Honesty is the dedication never to deceive oneself or another, and derives from Truth. The Shrine of Honesty is located north of Moonglow.

3. Honor is the courage to defend and uphold the truth, and derives from Truth and Courage. The Shrine of Honor is located south of Trinsic.

4. Humility is the knowledge of one's

place in the world,
reached through an
understanding of the
sanctity of all beings,
and exists outside
Truth, Love, and
Courage. The Shrine
of Humility is located
nearby New Magincia.

5. Justice is the
truth of what is
right and wrong in
human action and the
love of that which is
right, and derives
from Truth and Love.
The Shrine of
Justice is located on a
northern peninsula
east of Yew.

6. Sacrifice is the
helping of others at
the cost of one's own
well-being, and is
derived from Love and
Courage. The Shrine
of Sacrifice is located
nearby Minoc.

7. Spirituality is the
quest to improve one's
own inner being and
enlighten and brighten
the lives of others,
and derives from
Truth, Love, and
Courage. The Shrine
of Spirituality is
accessible only via a
Moongate, as it is
located in the Ethereal
Void.

8. Valor is the
courage to stand up
for your beliefs, even
in the face of
physical or
psychological threat,
and derives from
Courage. The Shrine
of Valor is located on
an island nearby
Jhelom.
These Virtues when
combined form the

Principles of Courage,
Love, and
Truth. Courage is the
will to struggle, for
beliefs and for others,
and is formed of the
Virtues of Honor,
Sacrifice, Spirituality,
and Valor. Love is the
empathic bond that
unites the self to all
others, and is formed
of the Virtues of
Compassion, Justice,
Sacrifice, and
Spirituality. Truth is
the objective reality,
that which is not
false, and is formed
of the Virtues of
Honesty, Honor,
Justice, and
Spirituality.

Three great Castles
of Learning were
established for each of
the Principles: The
Lycaeum, located near
Moonglow, for Truth,
home to the Book of
Truth Empathy
Abbey, located near
Yew, for Love, home
to the Candle of Love
Serpent's Hold,
located near Jhelom,
for Courage, home of
the Bell of Courage.

With these three
items in hand, the
Avatar was able to
approach the Codex.
But before it could be
read, these answers
were required:

The Three-Part
Word of Passage:
Veramocor What
quality compels one to
share in the journeys
of others: Compassion
What dost thou
possess if all may
rely upon your every
word: Honesty What

shirks no duty: Honor
What is that which
Serfs are born with
but Nobles must
strive to obtain:
Humility What
should be the same for
Lord and Serf alike:
Justice What is
loath to place the self
above aught else:
Sacrifice, What, in
knowing the true self,
knows all:
Spirituality What
answers when great
deeds are called for:
Valor If all else is
imaginary, this is
real: Truth What
plunges to the depths,
while soaring on the
heights: Love What
turns not away from
any peril: Courage
What is the one
thing which
encompasses and is the
whole of all undeniable
Truth, unending Love,
and unyielding
Courage: Infinity.

By mastering the
Virtues and
Principles, the Avatar
was able to bring the
Codex of Ultimate
Wisdom forth from
the Stygian Abyss.

Following the events
of the First Age of
Enlightenment, Lord
British and his
Council of Mages
pulled the Codex of
Ultimate Wisdom
from its home within
the Abyss, establishing
a Shrine on the
newly created Isle of
the Avatar. However,
during the time of the
False Prophet, it was
revealed that the
gargoyles were the
true owners of the

Codex, and that with its removal their race was doomed.

Undaunted, the Avatar sent the Codex into the Ethereal Void, and two lenses were given to the leaders, Lord British and King Draxinusom, to view the Codex whenever needed. In order for one to view the Codex, both the Red Lens of the Gargoyles and the Blue Lens of the Humans had to be combined to open the sacred book. Why do we bring this great event up? To show what our Ancestors endured to honor us with these wonderful virtues. These virtues are the foundation of our communitys.